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Governors of the Norte Grande with Minister of the Interior Eduardo de Pedro (Ctr. Left) and Ambassador Jorge Argüello (Ctr. Right).

## GOVERNORS OF THE NORTE GRANDE PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

Operating through the Federal Agenda program of the Argentine Embassy, the governors of the provinces of the Norte Grande are carrying out a working mission to the United States between September 26 and 30, with the participation of Eduardo de Pedro, the Argentine Minister of the Interior.

On September 26, Ambassador Jorge Argüello received Minister de Pedro in Washington DC, along with the

governor of Santiago del Estero, Gerardo Zamora, who also holds the pro tempore presidency of the Norte Grande; Catamarca, Raúl Jalil; Chaco, Jorge Capitanich; Formosa, Gildo Insfrán; Jujuy, Gerardo Morales; La Rioja, Ricardo Quintela; Misiones, Oscar Herrera Ahuad; Salta, Gustavo Sáenz; and the vice-governor of Tucumán, Regino Amado.

The main focus of the trip is to attract investments in



Once again, I share with you the latest edition of our Embassy Newsletter. This edition includes an article about the mission to the U.S. carried out by the governors of the Norte Grande and the Minister of the Interior, Eduardo de Pedro, within the framework of the Federal Agenda program of the Embassy of Argentina.

In this edition we also include an article on the meeting of the Minister of the Interior Eduardo de Pedro with Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, focused on the responsibility of each of their countries in terms of migration and immigration.

Finally, an article on the inauguration of the photographic exhibition "ESMA Memoria Argentina para el Mundo" headed by President Alberto Fernández, representatives and officials of the United Nations and members of human rights organizations, among others.

Jorge Argüello  
Ambassador to the United States

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sectors of the real economy and promote exports, with the purpose of generating jobs in provincial economies. The mission also aims to convey –to key players in both the U.S. government and private sector– a comprehensive message about the Norte Grande regarding its potential contribution to the global economy within the contexts of food and energy insecurity. Sectors such as mining, renewable energies, food, the knowledge-based economy, cotton and tourism, among others, featured prominently in the work agenda.

The Minister and governors had the opportunity to convey their messages to high-level U.S. governmental authorities in a meeting facilitated by Ambassador Jorge Argüello, with the participation of Ricardo Zuñiga, the State Department's Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Mark Wells, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Daniel Erikson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Kevin O'Reilly, Summit of the Americas National Coordinator, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Lorenzo Harris, Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone at the National Security Council.

The governor's program in Washington, prepared by the Argentine Embassy, included an in-depth conversation

with the leading Think Tanks of the United States, in which the Wilson Center, the Inter-American Dialogue, the Council of Americas, the NDI Foundation, the Atlantic Council and CSIS took part. The meeting consisted of a presentation and exchange on "The potential of the Norte Grande in a bilateral relationship with the U.S.: energy, food security, mining and electricity reconversion".

In addition, working meetings were held at the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank to assess prospects for external funding to infrastructure and priority sectors in Norte Grande.

The governors had a substantive exchange with the national representatives and the authorities of these organizations. The delegation also had the opportunity to hold a working meeting with IMF authorities in which they discussed the challenges posed by the current international economic situation and the opportunities presented to Argentina's Norte Grande in a world with a growing demand for food, minerals and energy.

The governors of Salta, Jujuy and Catamarca participated in a specialized seminar regarding lithium at the State Department headquarters, jointly organized by the Argentine Embassy in the U.S., the State Department, the Department of Energy, and the U.S. Embassy in Argentina, where they presented to mining and associated services companies the regulatory framework of each province, associated incentives to invest, and the specific projects vested in each provincial territory.

The governors of Chaco, Formosa and Santiago del Estero held a meeting at the United States Department of Agriculture focused on the cotton industry, in order to exchange information on technology, production, sustainability, trade and exports.

The province of Tucumán also participated in a meeting with the GSP Alliance as composed by the GSP Coalition and the USTR. The meeting is an extension of the actions

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promoted by the Argentine Embassy to expedite the renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences, which gives duty-free access to certain national exports.

The governors' delegation was able to address the private sector through a conference at the Argentine Embassy

organized jointly with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in which strategic sectors such as energy, mining, knowledge economy, food, among others, were invited.

In New York tomorrow, September 30, the delegation will hold a working session at the Council of Americas together with Susan Segal and presidents and CEOs of companies with operations in Argentina and Latin America, investors and other special guests. They will also visit the United Nations headquarters where they will hold a meeting with senior officials of the United Nations Development Program, focused on "Localizing the 2030 Agenda at the subnational level: The role of regional economies in sustainable development". ■

Governors of the Norte Grande at the World Bank.



## MINISTER EDUARDO DE PEDRO MET WITH SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON

The Minister of the Interior of Argentina, Eduardo de Pedro, is in Washington DC, together with the delegation of Governors of the Great North of our country. The Minister's delegation includes the National Director of Migration, Florencia Carignano, and the National Electoral Director, Marcos Schiavi.

In addition to the events and meetings in which the Minister participated together with the Governors, he maintained a separate agenda in the US capital, linked to matters of his direct competence.

Within the framework of his individual activity in this city, a very important work meeting took place on Wednesday, September 28, with Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of

Homeland Security, focused on the responsibility that both officials have in their countries in terms of migration and immigration. Minister de Pedro and Secretary Mayorkas exchanged their diagnoses and experiences regarding the enormous challenge that currently presents in terms of migratory flows management, given that situations of conflict, the socioeconomic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic and the adverse effects of climate change cause, among other difficulties, food insecurity that has led to an increase in mixed migration flows.

Likewise, de Pedro held a meeting with Katie Tobin, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of Transborder in the National Security Council, in which they continued the dialogue on the deep complexity of the

(From L to R) Ambassador Marc Stanley, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Minister Eduardo de Pedro and Ambassador Jorge Argüello.



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migratory phenomenon and its transversality.

The Argentine authorities welcomed the proposal to meet at the pan-regional level to discuss migration management, while promoting a participatory, egalitarian and inclusive process.

Additionally, Minister De Pedro met with Julie Chávez Rodríguez, Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. Both officials exchanged experiences in government and discussed federalism, elections and the importance of ensuring reliable information for the entire society.

Moreover, he also held a meeting with Ricardo Zúñiga, Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and with Mark Wells, Deputy Assistant Secretary in that same office, with whom he discussed the challenges and opportunities of the regional situation and various aspects of the bilateral relationship.

A rich agenda at the highest level that reflects the bilateral will to continue identifying converging interests and deepening ties. ■



(From L to R) Marcela Losardo, César Rodrigo Landa Arroyo, Alberto Fernández, Pedro Castillo Terrones and Santiago Villalba.

## PRESIDENT ALBERTO FERNÁNDEZ INAUGURATES THE EXHIBITION “ESMA ARGENTINE MEMORY FOR THE WORLD”

During his stay in New York to attend the high-level week of the United Nations General Assembly, President Alberto Fernández headed the inauguration ceremony of the photographic exhibition “ESMA Argentine Memory for the World”.

The opening of the exhibition focused on the ESMA Memorial Site Museum at the Argentine Consulate in New York was attended by important Argentine authorities, such as Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero, Minister of Education Jaime Perczyk, and Minister of Security Aníbal Fernández, as well as the President of Peru José Castillo, representatives and officials of the United Nations, and members of human rights, cultural, art and academic organizations, among others.

The exhibition traces the events that took place during

the 1976-1983 civil-military dictatorship that devastated our country, while at the same time underscoring the resistance and the process of justice achieved since the subsequent recovery of democracy. On the other hand, it is part of the Work Plan led by the Argentine government to have the site, which was a key part of the repressive apparatus set up by the armed forces during those years, added to the World Heritage List of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

This work began in October 2015 and gained particular momentum in 2019, when the team of the ESMA Memorial Site Museum made decisive progress in meeting the technical, social, diplomatic and political requirements asked by UNESCO to access the List. In this sense, the museum is a place of undeniable relevance for Argentine and regional history, as well as a contribution to the

world`s cultural heritage, as it constitutes a place that denounces State terrorism and transmits memory, all of which makes it a unique and outstanding testimony of crimes against humanity and a symbol of the value social consensus carries as a means for justice.

In his speech, President Fernández emphasized that Argentina has made the defense of human rights a permanent action, in addition to highlighting the numerous trials and convictions against persons responsible for committing crimes against humanity during those dark years, who were tried in democracy, respecting all the

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guarantees of due process, having today, in the words of the Head of State, “more than a thousand sentences to torturers, murderers, disappearers, of Argentina. And that speaks of the fact that we were able to recover justice and the rule of law, even to judge those who had violated the rule of law and were capable of committing so many atrocities”.

In a recently released film, “Argentina 1985”, its director Santiago Mitre captures the atmosphere of the time and with the leading role of the great Argentine actor Ricardo Darín, inspired by the true story of prosecutor Julio Strassera and his team, recreates the historic trial against the successive members of the military juntas who committed massive violations of human rights. This film was presented by Ambassador Jorge Argüello at the thirty-third edition of the AFI Latin American Film Festival, one of the largest and longest running Latin American film festivals in North America, which took place at the end of September in Washington, DC. ■



Ambassador Jorge Argüello at the AFI Latin American Film Festival.